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Chemistry Honors Day

- by Beulah Narendrapurapu, PhD

Before concluding another successful academic year, the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry has honored its students for their extraordinary performance and contributions. Various scholarships and awards were presented to the winners at the Honors Day ceremony held on April 28th. Chemistry also celebrated the retirement of our fabulous chemistry advisor, Dr. Marilyn S. Hale. Dean of COSM, Dr. Martha Abell, addressed the awardees and graduating chemistry majors, followed by award presentations. The Department would like to thank Dr. Tanesha Osborne, Dr. Ria Ramoutar, Dr. Rafael Quirino, Mr. Thomas Anderson, Dr. Ji Wu and Dr. Arpita Saha for overseeing the arduous task of selecting the winners from an extremely talented pool. Congratulations to all our award winners, graduated and soon-graduating seniors!

THE BILL PONDER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT Kristi L. St. Clair



(Photo: Kristi L. St. Clair with Dr. Jim LoBue)

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN BIOCHEMISTRY AWARD & OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY AWARD Stacey M. Zeestraten

Stacey Zeestraten Outstanding student Awards in Biochemistry and Physical chemistry divisions for her exceptional performance in the respective courses. Stacey is a Chemistry major and has been recognized on the President's list since Fall 2014. Stacey graduated this May with Summa Cum Laude.

(Photo: Stacey with Dr. Michelle McGibony)



OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY AWARD & OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY AWARD Lauren Love

Lauren Love received Outstanding Student Awards in both Analytical Chemistry and Organic Chemistry divisions for top performance in Organic Chemistry II (CHEM 3342) and Analytical Chemistry (CHEM 2242) courses. Lauren is currently a Junior, majoring in Chemistry. She is an honors student and is also actively involved in research with Dr. McGibony.

(Photo: Lauren with Dr. Hans Schanz)



THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (ACS) OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN Hannah K. Wilson

(Photo: Hannah with Dr. Hans Schanz)

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY AWARD

**ACS OUTSTANDING SENIOR
AWARD**

**Nathan G. Johnson & Stacey
M. Zeestraten**

(Photo: Stacey and Nathan with
Dr. Jim LoBue)



**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING
STUDENT AWARD**

Nicholas J. Shuber

(Photo: Nicholas receiving award from Dr. Jim LoBue)



OUTSTANDING CHEMISTRY STUDENT ASSISTANT AWARD

Steven Sutton & Emily Trettle



Steven Sutton with Mr. Thomas Anderson



Emily Trettle with Mr. Thomas Anderson

OUTSTANDING GENERAL CHEMISTRY AWARD

Freshmen **Robin Blitch** and **Alexandra Lessnau** were awarded the Outstanding General Chemistry Award for top performance in general chemistry courses (CHEM 1145 and 1146). Robin is a Chemistry major and Alexandra is a Biology major.